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REPS. MARKEY (D-MA) AND KING (R-NY) ANNOUNCE INTRODUCTION OF “CIGARETTE FIRE SAFETY ACT OF 2004”

*100 Members of Fire Service and Public Health Community Endorse Key Bill,
Attend Event*

WASHINGTON, D.C. – Rep. Edward Markey (D-MA), a senior member of the House Energy and Commerce Committee, and Rep. Peter King (R-NY), a senior member of the Financial Services Committee, will officially announce the introduction of H.R. 4155, “the Cigarette Fire Safety Act of 2004,” a bill that will set a reasonable, national ignition standard for cigarettes. This bipartisan legislation would require that cigarettes be manufactured to meet a “self-extinguishing” standard that will help to prevent an estimated 800 deaths, 2,200 injuries and nearly \$560 million dollars in damages caused by cigarette ignited fires every year.

WHO:

- Rep. Edward Markey (D-MA)
- Rep. Peter King (R-NY)
- 75 Fire Chiefs from the Fire Chiefs’ Association of Massachusetts
- Fire Chief Bob Dipoli- 1st VP of the International Association of Fire Chiefs
- Jim Burns, National Assoc State of Fire Marshals (NASFM) President/ NY State Fire Administrator
- Frank McGarry, Retired NY State Fire Administrator and NASFM Project Manager
- VJ Bella, Louisiana State Fire Marshal and Chair of the NASFM Legislative Committee
- Chief Philip Stittleburg, Chairman of the National Volunteer Fire Council
- Jim Shannon, President of the National Fire Protection Association
- Michael Schlatman, President International Association of Arson Investigators (IAAI)
- David Sneed, Immediate Past President of IAAI
- Dr. Marion Jordan, Head of the Burn Unit at Washington Medical Center
- International Association of Fire Fighters
- The Congressional Fire Service Institute
- Campaign for Tobacco- Free Kids
- The American Burn Association
- The District of Columbia Fire Department

WHEN: May 5, 2004 at 1:00pm

WHERE: At the DC Fire Truck parked at Garfield Circle (behind the Botanic Gardens, by the West Front Lawn of the Capitol, at the intersection of Maryland and 1st Street, SW)